

Shakamak State Park welcomes you!

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Summer is almost here!

Hoosier Quest Program will be held daily at the Nature Center 11:00a.m.- 12:00 noon unless otherwise stated on the weekly schedule.

June 2-8

2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> - nature center closed

 $4^{\text{th}}$  – Birding by the lake, bring your binoculars, see how many you know! Meet at the Nature

Center at 9:00a.m.

Frog calls #1 come and learn to identify our amphibious friends by learning their voices at the

Nature Center at 2:00p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> - Meet at the saddle barn at 9:00a.m. for a <u>Plant hike</u>. There's more to the forest than trees!

Frog calls #2. The second round of froggy voices at the Nature Center at 2:00p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> - Nature's garbage man- Meet at the Nature Center at 12:00 noon for the lowdown on Indiana's clean-up crew, the turkey vulture.

<u>The Book of Leaves</u> – Learn how to make your own identification book for trees with leaf rubbings at the Nature Center, 2:30p.m.

Gettin' Wet Meet at the Nature Center at 4:00p.m. and we'll go wading and learn about some of the tiny creatures living there. Wear an old pair of tennis shoes and be ready to get wet! (we'll drive to the Shakamak lake tail race)

7<sup>th</sup> - <u>Shakamak Challenge 2008.</u> Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a brisk cardio walk on trail 1 (3.95 miles).

the night, owls.

8<sup>th</sup> - Nature's engineers – at the Nature center at 10:00a.m. Learn about this industrious creature!

The insect kingdom's top predator. Learn about this unique insect at the Nature center at 2:00p.m.

June 9-15

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> - Nature center closed.

11<sup>th</sup> - <u>Dragonfly watch</u> – we'll hike down by the lake and see how many different kinds there are and learn about them at 9:00a.m. Meet at the Nature Center.

Indiana's rattlesnakes – at 2:00p.m. we'll learn interesting facts about these misunderstood creatures.

12<sup>th</sup> - <u>Shakamak Challenge 2008.</u> Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a brisk cardio walk on trail 1 (3.95 miles).

<u>Crows-nature's tricksters</u>- At 2:00pm we'll learn about these intelligent feathered fiends at the Nature Center!

13<sup>th</sup> - Edible plant walk – At 11:30a.m. We'll go for a hike starting at the saddle barn to learn about what can be eaten!

Songbird workshop #1- Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. Learn to identify your favorite songbirds by their songs.

<u>The History of Shakamak</u> – Meet at the Nature Center at 5:30p.m. for a historical perspective on one of Indiana's finest state parks!

14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00a.m. at the Nature Center- Take a short hike and learn Tree I.D.

Mushroom's the word! 2:00p.m. at the Nature Center, learn about edible mushrooms. There's more than just morels!

15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00a.m. at the Nature Center- A short hike to learn about these most ancient of plants, Ferns.

2:00p.m. at the Nature Center, <u>A sparrow is a sparrow?</u> There are many different kinds of sparrows. Learn about the ones we have around Shakamak.

June 16-22

16<sup>th</sup> &17<sup>th</sup> - Nature Center closed.

18th - Birding by the lake, bring your binoculars, see how many you know! Meet at the

Nature Center at 9:00a.m.

Songbird workshop #2- Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. Learn to identify your favorite songbirds by their songs.

19<sup>th</sup> – <u>if I had a hammer...</u> try this new approach for flower pressing and make a unique keepsake. All children need adult supervision. Meet at the Nature Center at 10:00a.m.

Ready to play? Meet us for an opportunity to go wild! Fun outdoor games for the whole family! 2:00p.m. at the Nature Center

Row, row, row your boat- meet us at the boat rental for an evening tour of the lake at 7:15p.m. (this is free)

20<sup>th</sup> – <u>Tracks and signs in the dirt-</u> Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a hike down by the lake to identify the tracks and signs that animals leave behind.

2:00p.m. at the Nature Center, Songbird workshop #3- Learn to identify your favorite songbirds by their songs.

21<sup>st</sup> - <u>Shakamak Challenge 2008.</u> Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a brisk cardio walk on trail 1 (3.95 miles).

Songbird workshop #4- meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. Learn to identify your favorite songbirds by their songs.

22<sup>nd</sup> - Raptor awareness... Meet at the Nature Center at 10:00a.m. for a lesson on our native hawks & eagles!

Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. Get an explanation of Why is the world so green?

June 23-29

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Nature center closed.

25<sup>th</sup> - Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a short bird watching hike.

Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. for , an introduction to the mustelids, better known as the weasel family.

26<sup>th</sup> - <u>Shakamak Challenge 2008.</u> Meet at the Nature Center at 9:00a.m. for a brisk cardio walk on trail 1 (3.95 miles).

Turtle time at the Nature Center at 2:00p.m.

27<sup>th</sup> - Meet at the Nature Center at 12:00 noon for a <u>butterfly watching hike</u>. We'll see how many kinds we can identify (bring your car as we may have to travel to different parts of the park)

2:00p.m. at the Nature Center, Songbird workshop #5- Learn to identify your favorite songbirds by their songs.

5:30 at the Nature Center, <u>Native American stories</u> as told by your interpretive naturalist.

28<sup>th</sup> - Meet at the saddle barn at 9:00a.m. for a <u>Plant hike</u>. There's more to the forest than trees!

Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. for Nature's toughest customer, the badger



29<sup>th</sup> - Mice - variety is the spice of life! Meet at the Nature Center at 10:00a.m. for a program on the different species!

Meet at the nature center at 2:00p.m. for <u>raptor calls</u> – learning the calls that various hawks make.

30<sup>th</sup> - Nature Center closed.